## Article 20A, Item 8

North Amherst Community Farm Repairs for Stabilization of the Large Barn, \$15,000 Structural Evaluation and Feasibility Study, \$10,000

The North Amherst Community Farm owns 35 acres of land between North Pleasant and Pine Streets.

Its entrance is across the street from Puffton Village and near many other large apartment complexes.

Because of the apartment complexes, there is a population of 10,000 people within a mile radius of the farm.



Old Farmhouse at 1089 North Pleasant Street

## We Saved the Farm!

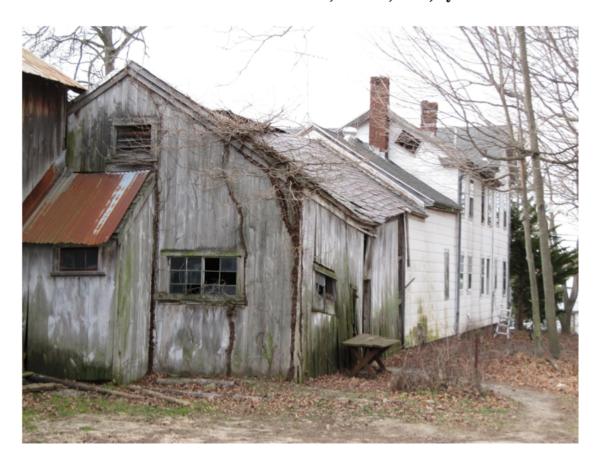
In 2006, the North Amherst Community Farm (NACF) was created when the Dziekanowski farm, one of the last working farms in North Amherst, was purchased and saved from development.

Funds came from a combination of private donations and town and state funding.

NACF, run by a local volunteer board of directors, worked out a long-term lease with Simple Gifts Farm (SGF) to run a community supported agricultural operation on the land. By combining their efforts, these two organizations have formed a successful public-private partnership that promotes sustainable, organic farming methods, provides healthy farm products to the region, educates the community on food and farming issues, and helps preserve the agricultural heritage and character of the North Amherst Village Center Historic District.



The large barn is approximately 40' x 60' and over 30' in height and constructed between 1785 and 1820. Photo, Dec. 10, 2010, by Laura Fitch





North side of big barn



North Amherst Community Farm